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1. THOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY ALSO INCLUDE MINISTER OF FINANCE JOHN TURNER, UNDER SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A. EDGAR RTICHIE, AND DEPUTY MINISTER FOR ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES JACK AUSTIN. SUBJECT TO SAME RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED PARA 1 OTTAWA 285, EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

2. JOHN TURNER HAS BEEN FINANCE MINISTER SINCE JAN 1972. HE STUDIED AND PRACTICED LAW PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN 1962. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED FROM A MONTREAL RIDING WHICH WAS ELIMINATED BY REDISTRICTING IN 1965, WHEREUPON HE RAN SUCCESSFULLY IN OTTAWA. HE WAS MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS 1967-68, AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL 1968-72. TURNER IS AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE, ENGAGING, AND FORCEFUL POLITICIAN. DESPITE HIS YOUTH (44), HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE EVENTUALLY TO SUCCEED TRUDEAU AS LIBERAL LEADER. HIS MANNER IS BLUFF AND FORTHRIGHT, TENDING SOMEWHAT TO MASK A QUICK AND PERCEPTIVE

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INTELLECT. TURNER IS KNOW PERSONALLY TO SECRETARY SHULTZ,

WHITE HOUSE ADVISER FLANAGAN, AND MANY OTHER US OFFICIALS.

3. TURNER'S KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMICS IS NOT PROFOUND, BUT HE ABSORBS INFORMATION QUICKLY, AND CAN BE FLEXIBLE OR DECISIVE AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. HE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY SUCCESSFUL WITH THE FINANCE PORTFOLION, WHICH IS USUALLY REGARDED AS THE MOST DIFFICULT IN THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. AMONG TRUDEAU CABINET MINISTERS, TURNER IS ONE OF THE BEST DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES. WHILE DEVOTED TO CANADIAN INTERESTS, HE SEES THEM AS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH US INTERESTS, AND HAS SHOWN HIMSELF READY AND ANXIOUS TO CONSULT AND WORK WITH HIS US COUNTERPARTS. SINCE HE IS NOT A SCHOLASTIC ECONOMIST, HE PROBABLY CARRIES LITTLE IDEOLOGICAL BAGGAGE, AND APPROACHES ENERGY AND OTHER PROBLEMS IN AN OPEN AND PRAGMATIC MANNER. US OFFICIALS HAVE FOUND HIM PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE AND FORTHCOMING.

4. "ED" RITCHIE HAS BEEN UNDER SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SINCE JAN 1970, AND IS ONE OF CANADA'S BEST KNOWN AND MOST DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANTS. HE STUDIED ECONOMICS (AND WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR) PRIOR TO JOINING EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1944. HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON 1966-70, AND IS KNOWN AND RESPECTED BY MANY US OFFICIALS. HIS MANNER IS WARM AND FRIENDLY, HIS MIND RIGOROUS AND SUPPLE. HE IS KNOWN AS A PERSON WHO CAN TRANSLATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS INTO ACTION. HE IS A FIRM FRIEND OF THE US, AND US OFFICIALS AT THE ENERGY CONFERENCE WILL FIND HIM, AS ALWAYS, THOUGHTFUL AND COOPERATIVE. WHILE HE IS COMMITTED TO CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY, THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE US IS ONE OF RITCHIE'S FOREMOST OBJECTIVES.

5. JACK AUSTIN HAS BEEN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR ENERGY, MINES, AND RESOURCES SINCE 1970. HE IS AN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL LAW, AND HELPED SHAPE THE COLUMBIA AND PEACE RIVER PROJECTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. HE HAS BEEN COUNSEL TO AND PRESIDENT OF SEVERAL WESTERN RESOURCE INDUSTRIES. HIS MANNER IS OPEN AND FRIENDLY, BUT HE IS A TOUGH AND DETERMINED NEGOTIATOR.

6. BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION AND EXPERTISE, AUSTIN IS CLEARLY
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INFLUENTIAL IN GOC ENERGY POLICY PROCESS ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS HAD CONTRADICTORY REPORTS ABOUT HIS ROLE IN SUCH CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS AND THE EXPORT TAX--SOME SAYING HE RECOMMENDED IT AND OTHERS SAYING HE WAS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE BY MINISTER MACDONALD'S ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WAS MADE WHILE AUSTIN WAS IN EUROPE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING. AUSTIN IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE THE ORIGINATOR OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A CANADIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION.

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